

I. Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces without prejudice all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A foam pad comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the surface comprising a channel having a longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm,

the channel having a first section, and a second section, and a third section disposed serially along the longitudinal axis, the ~~first~~ second section: (i) having a narrower width than the first and third sections ~~second section~~ when measured in a direction perpendicular to ~~along~~ said longitudinal axis, ~~and~~ (ii) having disposed therein one of a male portion or a female portion of a releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width of up to about 12 mm.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 10 mm.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim 1, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 8 mm.

Claim 5 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 1, the channel having disposed therein the female portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

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Claim ~~6~~ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim 5, wherein the female portion comprises a female attachment portion and a base portion.

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Claim ~~7~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim ~~6~~, wherein the base portion has a larger surface area than a surface area of the female attachment portion attached thereto.

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14 Claim ~~8~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim
~~7~~, wherein at least a portion of the base portion is
encompassed by the foam pad.

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13 Claim ~~9~~ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined
in claim ~~8~~, wherein the female attachment portion spans the
width of the channel second section.

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13 Claim ~~10~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim
~~8~~, wherein the female attachment portion comprises a clip
portion.

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17 Claim ~~11~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim
~~10~~, wherein the clip portion comprises a substantially U-
shaped cross-section.

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17 Claim ~~12~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim
~~11~~, wherein U-shaped cross-section comprises a pair of
generally upstanding walls defining a locking region
therebetween for receiving a male portion of the male-female
trim cover attachment system.

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19 Claim ~~13~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim ~~12~~, wherein a distal portion of each of the upstanding walls comprises a locking portion for engaging the attachment portion of the element to be attached.

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20 Claim ~~14~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim ~~13~~, wherein the locking portion comprises a first lateral portion projecting substantially toward the locking region.

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21 Claim ~~15~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim ~~14~~, wherein the first lateral portion projects angularly with respect to the pair of generally upstanding walls.

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20 Claim ~~16~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim ~~15~~, wherein the locking portion comprising a hook-shaped portion.

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Claim ~~17~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 5, wherein the foam pad comprises a plurality of female portions disposed in the channel.

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6 Claim ~~18~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim ~~17~~, wherein the plurality of female portions are independent of one another.

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Claim ~~19~~⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim ~~17~~⁶, wherein the plurality of female portions are interconnected to one another with at least one connecting portion.

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Claim ~~20~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 5, wherein the female portion is constructed from a polymer.

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Claim ~~21~~⁹ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~20~~⁹, wherein the polymer is selected from the group consisting of thermoset polymer and thermoplastic polymers.

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Claim ~~22~~¹⁰ (Previously Presented) The foam defined in claim ~~21~~¹⁰, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene and mixtures thereof.

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¹⁰ Claim ~~23~~ (Original) The foam pad defined in claim ~~21~~¹⁰, wherein the thermoset polymer comprises polyurethane.

Claim 24 (Original) The foam pad defined in claim 1, further comprising a trim cover attached thereto, the trim cover comprising the other of the male portion or the female portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

Claim 25 (Original) A vehicular seat comprising the foam pad defined in claim 24.

Claims 26-49 (Cancelled)

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Claim 50²⁶ (Currently Amended) A foam pad comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the surface having molded therein an open channel having a longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm, the open channel having ~~the channel having~~ a first section, ~~and~~ a second section, and a third section disposed serially along the longitudinal axis, the second first section: (i) having a narrower width than the first and third sections ~~second section~~ when measured in a direction perpendicular to ~~along~~ said longitudinal axis; and (ii) disposed in a portion thereof at least one female portion of a releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment

system, the female portion comprising a female attachment portion and a base portion.

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Claim ~~51~~²⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~²⁶, wherein the channel has a maximum width of up to about 12 mm.

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Claim ~~52~~²⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~²⁶, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 10 mm.

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Claim ~~53~~²⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~²⁶, wherein the channel has a maximum width in the range of from about 4 to about 8 mm.

Claim ~~54~~ (Cancelled)

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Claim ~~55~~²⁶ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~²⁶ ~~54~~, wherein the base portion has a larger surface area than a surface area of the female attachment portion attached thereto.

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Claim ~~56~~³⁰ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~55~~, wherein at least a portion of the base portion is encompassed by the foam pad.

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²⁶ Claim ~~57~~ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~ ~~54~~, wherein the female attachment portion spans the width of the channel second section.

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²⁶ Claim ~~58~~ (Currently Amended) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~ ~~54~~, wherein the female attachment portion comprises a clip portion.

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Claim ~~59~~³³ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~58~~, wherein the clip portion comprises a substantially U-shaped cross-section.

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Claim ~~60~~³⁴ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~59~~, wherein U-shaped cross-section comprises a pair of generally upstanding walls defining a locking region therebetween for receiving a male portion of the male-female trim cover attachment system.

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Claim ~~61~~ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~60~~, wherein a distal portion of each of the

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upstanding walls comprises a locking portion for engaging the attachment portion of the element to be attached.

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Claim ~~62~~³⁶ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~61~~³⁶, wherein the locking portion comprises a first lateral portion projecting substantially toward the locking region.

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Claim ~~63~~³⁷ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~62~~³⁷, wherein the first lateral portion projects angularly with respect to the pair of generally upstanding walls.

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Claim ~~64~~³⁶ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~61~~³⁶, wherein the locking portion comprising a hook-shaped portion.

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Claim ~~65~~²⁶ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~²⁶, wherein the foam pad comprises a plurality of female portions disposed in the channel.

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Claim ~~66~~⁴⁰ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~65~~⁴⁰, wherein the plurality of female portions are independent of one another.

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Claim ~~67~~⁴⁰ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~65~~⁴⁰, wherein the plurality of female portions are interconnected to one another at least one connecting portion.

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Claim ~~68~~²⁶ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~²⁶, wherein the female portion is constructed from a polymer.

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Claim ~~69~~²⁶ (Previously Presented) The foam pad defined in claim ~~50~~²⁶, further comprising a trim cover attached thereto, the trim cover comprising a male portion of the releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment system.

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Claim ~~70~~⁴⁴ (Previously Presented) A vehicular seat comprising the foam pad defined in claim ~~69~~⁴⁴.

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Claim ~~71~~ (Currently Amended) A foam pad comprising:

a surface to which a trim cover can be secured, the surface having molded therein an open channel having a longitudinal axis and a maximum width of up to about 15 mm,

the open channel having a first section, ~~and a~~
second section, and a third section disposed serially along
the longitudinal axis, the second ~~first~~ section: (i) having a
narrower width than the first and second sections ~~second~~
~~section~~ when measured in a direction orthogonal to ~~along~~ said
longitudinal axis; ~~and~~ (ii) having disposed in a portion
thereof plurality of female portions of a releasably
engageable male-female trim cover attachment system, the
female portion comprising a clip portion and a base portion
molded into the foam pad.

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Claim ~~72~~ (Previously Presented) The foam pad
defined in claim ⁴⁶~~71~~, further comprising a trim cover attached
thereto, the trim cover comprising a male portion of the
releasably engageable male-female trim cover attachment
system.

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Claim ~~73~~ (Previously Presented) A vehicular seat
comprising the foam pad defined in claim ~~72~~.

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